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The Office Action (Final Rejection) carrying a date of October 1, 2001 has been received.

PROBLEM:

The Office Action dated October 1, 2001 (copy of first page of Office Action with "received" stamp thereon is attached) was received in the office of the undersigned on October 1, 2001. The envelope in which the Office Action was mailed by the Patent Office carries a post-mark date of September 28, 2001 (copy attached).

It is respectfully requested that the Patent Office clarify the actual mailing date of the Office Action dated October 1, 2001 so that the matter can be properly docketed with an accurate "due date".

Respectfully submixted,

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